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Honorable Vernon A. Williams Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001 2175

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 430X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Oklahoma City, OK

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Stillwater Central Railroad, Inc. (SLWC) jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—<u>Exempt</u>

<u>Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service</u> for BNSF to abandon, and for SLWC to discontinue service over, approximately 2.95 miles of railroad between milepost 539.96 and milepost 542.91 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, OK. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on October 13, 2005 (70 FR 59802). The exemptions became effective on November 12, 2005.

Scheduling difficulties with salvagers due to BNSF's heavy volume of abandonments have hampered salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation date until December 31, 2007.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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